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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

**Francis X. Ignatious**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/744,350**

FILED: **May 22, 2001**

FOR: **ENCAPSULATION OF WATER  
SOLUBLE PEPTIDES**  
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 17) mailed on July 30, 2003, the period for response there having been extended so as to expire on January 30, 2004 pursuant to Applicant's Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this Reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure mandated in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, published June 30, 2003.

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